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10 OCT 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL CONTINGENCY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE (ICPC)

SUBJECT: SR-71 Reconnaissance Aircraft  
Contingency Plan

Attached for your information is a memorandum which outlines current plans for SR-71 operations in the Middle East area. The existing SR-71 Reconnaissance Aircraft Contingency Plan which was approved by the Director, NRO, as Chairman of ICPC, on April 2, 1970 [redacted] remains current.

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Brigadier General, USAF  
Executive Secretary, ICPC

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ICPC

Subject: SR-71 Proposal

1. On 8 October 1973 higher authority approved plans to utilize a SAC SR-71 for photographic reconnaissance of the Middle East crisis area.

2. Subject to final diplomatic negotiations by the State Department, an SR-71 is scheduled to deploy from Beale AFB, Ca. [redacted]

[redacted] the aircraft will fly a high altitude photo-reconnaissance mission of the Middle East crisis area. The mission is planned to overfly [redacted] It is anticipated that additional missions will be flown in the crisis area [redacted]

3. At the present time tankers have been deployed to forward area bases in Europe [redacted] to support the mission. It is anticipated that final negotiations will be completed on 10 October and the mission flown as planned on 11 October 1973.

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